SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Manufacture and sale of fixed dose combinations of Steroids for internal use, except combination of Steroids with other drugs for the treatment of Asthama, are prohibited.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) To the best of our knowledge most of the fixed dose combination of corticosteroids for systemic use and anabolic steroids with other drugs are banned. However, some of the firms received stay against ban order from different High Courts.

Medical Education Commission

2345. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for the setting up of a Medical Education Commission in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Medical Education Review Committee appointed by the Government of India in 1981 and whose report was placed before Parliament on the 2nd May, 1986 had made recommendations for the establishment of an autonomous Medical and Health Education Commission which should be responsible for coordination, planning and implementation of various medical and health education programmes in all branches of Health Sciences, Planning for the development of Health manpower, allocation of funds and disbursement of grants to Medical and Health Institutions etc. This recommendation has been accepted in principle and action in this regard has been initiated in consultation with various other departments and organisations concerned.

Vacancies of Electrical Khalasi in AIIMS

2346. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 875 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the vacant posts of Khalasis have since been filled up; and

(b) if not, where the matter stands at present and what are the reasons for the delay and by when the posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recruitment action is in progress. A representation has been received by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences from the daily wage staff for regularisation of their services which is under consideration. Further action will be taken after finalisation of the cases of daily wage staff.

Food poisoning in the Lady Hardinge Medical College

2347. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some students of Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, suffered food poisoning on 3rd March, 1987 night after they had dinner in the college hostel, and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted into this incident and the remedial measures taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Lady Hardinge Medical College